REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 1-17 and 19-24 would be allowable if amended as submitted herein.

Claims 1-17 and 19-24 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 8, 12, 16, 19, and 23 are independent. By the foregoing Amendment, claims 10-11, 16, and 19-24 have been amended. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter and their entry is respectfully requested.

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